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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Bill Cameron retired on August 20, 2021, the date marking his 21st Anniversary at WLS; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago City Council has been informed of his retirement by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

WHEREAS, Bill is the son of an Illinois High School Hall of Fame football coach, Fred Cameron; and

WHEREAS, Bill is considered the "Dean" of radio political reporters in Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Bill is a native of East St. Louis, Illinois and is a graduate of Indiana University with a Bachelor's of Science in Broadcast Journalism; and

WHEREAS, In 1970, Bill spent a year as a news writer at WMAQ – Channel 5 before moving to 670 WMAQ Radio, and joined the City Hall beat that same year; and

WHEREAS, Bill joined 890 WLS in 2000 after a 30-year run at WMAQ; and

WHEREAS, Aside from covering city and state government, Bill also hosted the weekly public affairs show "Connected to Chicago"; and


WHEREAS, Bill's coverage of Chicago politics began with the first Mayor Richard J. Daley, and includes the "revolving-door administration" of Mayor Jane Byrne, the "Council Wars" of the city's first black mayor, Harold Washington, Mayor Richard M. Daley, Rahm Emanuel, and Mayor Lori Lightfoot; and

WHEREAS, Bill was also on the scene for many other famous Chicago stories including the tragic plane crashes and train accidents of the 1970s, the grisly mass murders of John Wayne Gacy, and the scandals that have sent so many governors to prison; and

WHEREAS, Bill is the winner of two Edward R. Murrow Awards from the Radio & Television News Directors Association, shared in a Peabody Award, and has received numerous AP, UPI, and Gabriel awards for his work; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this Fourteenth day September, 2021, do hereby recognize Bill Cameron's lifetime achievements and accolades; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Bill Cameron along with the congratulations and extend our best wishes for continued success.


Edward M. Burke
Alderman, 14th Ward